



# Texas

## Department of Public Safety

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
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The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) will host a **Labor Day Holiday DWI Enforcement Press Conference** on Thursday in Houston. Representatives and speakers from the Harris and Montgomery County District Attorney and Sheriff's Offices; Harris County Constable's Offices; Houston Police Department; many other police departments located in Harris, Montgomery and Fort Bend counties; Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT); Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC); and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will be in attendance.

DPS has increased DWI patrols throughout Texas since August 19 and will continue these increased patrols through September 9, which includes the Labor Day holiday weekend. DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target impaired drivers are funded through a grant from TxDOT. During the Labor Day enforcement effort last year, DPS troopers made 1,879 DWI arrests, and approximately 503 of those were the direct result of the increased patrols.

"Keeping Texas roadways safe for all travelers is a vital concern for DPS, and these increased patrols are designed to save lives by getting intoxicated drivers off the road," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "The Department urges drivers to mark the Labor Day holiday responsibly by utilizing safe driving practices and not drinking and driving."

#### **Thursday, August 29, 2013**

2:00 p.m. Central Time  
DPS Region II Headquarters  
12230 West Road  
Houston, TX 77065